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Date: 5/6/2024 VisitType: POI Follow Up Arrival: 8:45 AM Departure: 10:10 AM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
05/06/2024	POI Follow Up	Deficient	
03/19/2024	Licensing Study	Deficient	
11/20/2023	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A-School Age	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B-2 year	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C-1 year	One Year Olds	1	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D-Infants	Infants	1	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	E-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Breakfast
Main	F-4 Years		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	G-3 Years		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	H-School Age		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks					
Total # Children this Date: 42			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	35	C
Main	B	17	C
Main	C	115	C

Comments

A plan of improvement is due by May 20, 2024.

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)



Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2024

Corrected on 5/6/2024

.08(1) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were accessible and within reach of children:

Room B:

broom and dust pan by the restroom

Room H:

-rubber gloves on a shelf by the door

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024

Recited on 5/6/2024

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2024

Corrected on 5/6/2024
.25(8) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2024

Corrected on 5/6/2024
.26(9) - Citation corrected.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2024

Corrected on 5/6/2024
.20(1) - Citation corrected. The center has no dispensed any medication since the last regulatory visit.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2024

Corrected on 5/6/2024
.30(1)(a)3 - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2024

Corrected on 5/6/2024
.30(1)(d) - Ciation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2024

Corrected on 5/6/2024
.30(2)(c) - Citation corrected.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2024

Corrected on 5/6/2024
.14(1) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2024

Corrected on 5/6/2024
.14(2) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2024

Corrected on 5/6/2024
.31(2)(c) - Citation corrected as staff are enrolled in CDA>

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)
Not Met
Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that a staff member walked inside the building leaving one staff member on the playground with nine two-year-old children, 14 three-year-old children and one four-year-old child when two staff were required.

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024
Recited on 5/6/2024
Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that on the front left playground two-year-old children were present with three-year-old and four-year-old children.

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024
591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)
Not Met
Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that in Room E children under the age of 36 months were being served breakfast and the staff member in the room was not seated within arms length of the children and was observed to be at the door and diapering station area. It was further determined that the staff member in Room D was observed to leave the classroom through the closet area and look into the classroom of Room E leaving five infants unsupervised for a brief moment.

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024

Recited on 5/6/2024